

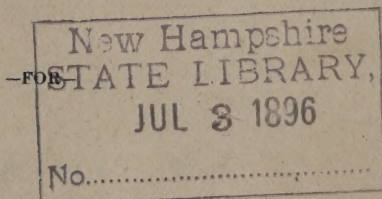
REPORTS

—OF THE—

OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH,



1871.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN TREASURER,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

PLYMOUTH, N. H.:

B. B. DEARBORN, PLAIN AND FANCY JOB PRINTER.

1871.

REPORT.

A. G. SMYTH, TREASURER

In account with the town of Plymouth, for the year 1870.

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To assesment of State, County, Town and School	
Taxes, on residents,	\$10,330 41
To assesments of State, County, Town, School	
and Highway Taxes, on Non-residents,	97 48
Assesment of Taxes on Dogs,	75 00
Assesment of School House Tax in District No. 1,	25 39
" " " " " No. 5,	52 19
" " " " " in Union District,	154 55
Tax in hands of Collector for 1869,	1,348 57
Cash in hands of Treasurer March 1. 1870,	457 67
Received of County of Grafton,	342 71
Cash hired of Mary C. Mudgett,	60 00
" " " John H. Mudgett,	175 00
" " " Van N. Bass,	100 00
" " " Job E. Kimball,	50 00
" " " John McDonald,	350 00
" " " B. W. Moulton,	500 00
" " " Thomas F. Clark,	250 00
" " " Martha M. and Helen Clark,	100 00
" " " William Webster,	50 00
" " " Washington George,	200 00
" " " Job E. Kimball,	50 00
" for Circus Licence,	10 00
Cash hired of John F. Sanborn,	150 00
" " " Warren C. Heath,	100 00
" " " John F. Sanborn,	500 00
" " " Seth Doton,	300 00
" " " B. W. Moulton,	500 00
" " " Mary F. Bartlett,	100 00
" " " Elsie J. Bartlett,	100 00
" " " Simeon Moulton,	50 00
" " " Seth Doton,	180 00

Cash hired of Peter Walker,	800 00
" " " Timothy Cheney,	70 00
" received from the State, for R. Road, Savings Bank and Literary money,	1,570 37
" received of I. M. Merrill, for old timber,	4 75
" " for liquor casks,	7 37
" " of H. C. Currier, for old plank,	2 75
Cash hired of A. W. Avery & Co.,	600 00
" " " Sarah A. Cross,	575 00
" " " Peter Walker,	1,000 00
" " " Ann E. Greenlief,	350 00
" " " Seth Doton,	300 00
" received of Otis Young,	10 00
" " Wm. Brackett, for damage done by his dog to sheep,	1 75
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	\$22,050 96

A. G. SMYTH, TREASURER

In account with the town of Plymouth.

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1870.

March 2.	Paid Roxanna Rowe, for the support of Hannah W. Bruce,	\$151 40
5.	Samuel Currier, for public watering trough,	3 00
11.	A. J. Huntoon, note and int.,	692 52
12.	Leverett & Blair, for services rendered,	340 85
	Joseph Burrows, " " "	149 86
15.	H. L. Sargent, for breaking road,	3 50
19.	Wm. Blodgett, for wood for Mrs. John Adams,	22 50
	John Brown, for work on highway,	3 90
22.	J. W. Preston, Supt. School Committee,	55 00
23.	For Stationery and Express bill,	3 30
	C. F. Hill, for printing town reports,	49 50
	Express on same,	30
24.	E. K. Smith, for coupons,	85 58
30.	Jane A. Philbrick, note and int.,	55 70
	Samuel Elkins, for watering trough and gravel,	7 50
April 1.	Sarah G. Coffin, on note,	75 00

April	1.	A. J. Hall, land damage on Boynton road,	40 00
		R. B. Gilpatrick, for breaking roads,	28 05
		Benjamin Kidder, " " "	27 15
	4.	Sarah G. Coffin, note and int.,	1,547 89
		Maria W. Dearborn, endorsed on note,	20 00
	5.	Joseph E. Sanborn, for breaking roads,	15 00
	6.	Seth Doton, for surveyors' books,	2 80
	8.	Wm. H. Adams, bal. of special tax,	1 70
	11.	Isaac Huckins, for plank and breaking roads,	9 08
	12.	T. F. Glynn, for breaking roads,	22 50
		M. S. Brown, for services as police,	37 25
	13.	B. F. Cox, endorsed on note,	35 00
	14.	Judith Ward, " " "	90 00
		Moses Pervier, for breaking roads,	13 90
	16.	Joseph E. Sanborn, note and int.,	75 24
		Henry Wells, for plank and breaking road,	27 59
	29.	J. P. Bancroft, for support of C. W. Adams,	51 30
		Express on same,	30
	30.	Jonathan Ferrin, for breaking roads,	19 95
May	3.	A. Barnes, for keeping transient persons,	3 55
	5.	A. J. Morgan, for plank and breaking road,	4 25
	6.	George Holmes, for breaking roads,	3 15
	10.	Moses Pervier, for work on highway,	3 75
	12.	Maria L. Dearborn, endorsed on note,	10 00
	13.	Noah J. Nutting, for breaking roads,	4 80
	18.	W. M. Pressey, for services as police,	22 50
June	2.	Arthur Ward, for coupons,	6 83
	7.	John Morrill, for work on road,	34 69
	14.	Stephen Glynn, endorsed on note,	53 29
	18.	H. W. Blair, for services in Coffin case,	47 10
	21.	Mary B. Mitchell, endorsed on note,	5 40
	22.	George Reed, " " "	300 00
	30.	R. B. Gilpatrick, for money due district,	
		No. 7 in 1869,	15 00
July	1.	S. W. Davis, for medical attendance to	
		Butler girl,	5 00
		D. C. Clement, endorsed on N. B. Barber's	
		note,	16 64
	6.	H. B. Marden, for land for town cemetery,	850 00
	18.	Calley & George, land damages on	
		Boynton road,	220 00
	28.	J. P. Bancroft, support of C. W. Adams,	51 90
		" " " Solon Currier,	56 05
		Express on same,	75
Aug.	6.	Seth Doton, for keeping transient persons,	2 00

Aug.	6.	Charlotte Sanborn, note and int.,	222 18
		Fisher Ames, for services rendered,	75
	30.	H. B. Farnum, land damages on Boynton road,	8 00
Sept.	5.	F. A. C. Nichols, in part payment of special tax in Union School District,	98 82
	12.	A. E. Putney, for work on Boynton road,	17 50
	13.	John Mason, land damages on Webber road,	35 52
	19.	Henry Wells, for work on Boynton road,	12 00
		J. L. Clay, " " " " "	52 80
	20.	Charles Haselton, land damages,	12 00
		Clark & Houston, for plank,	30 36
		Van N. Bass, services as committee,	6 00
		Russell & Batchelder, land damage on E. A. Moulton road,	20 00
	22.	Rufus Harris, for box and digging grave for Hannah Bruce,	4 00
	23.	E. W. Avery, services as committee, on cemetery and surveying,	7 75
		R. S. Hunt, for keeping three transient persons,	2 00
	24.	W. M. Pressey, services as police,	7 00
	27.	Van N. Bass, for printing police badges,	3 00
	28.	Jonathan Ferrin, for Nathan Johnson's sup- port,—county pauper,	5 00
		Jonathan Ferrin, for medicine for Nathan Johnson, in 1869,	9 16
		H. L. Sargent, part payment of special tax in District No. 5,	38 67
Oct.	7.	Stephen York, for work on culvert,	22 29
		J. F. Langdon, for land damage on Boynton road,	15 00
	10.	Calley & George, for land damage on Mill Street,	7 00
	15.	James Tomkinson, for use of snatch block on bridge, in the fall of 1869,	2 00
	27.	County Treasurer,	1,531 70
		Express on same,	1 30
	19.	Judith Ward, endorsed on note,	100 00
	22.	Cemetery Committee,	149 25
	24.	Stephen Glynn, note and int.,	51 08
		Otis Young, for land damage on Boynton road,	2 00
		Josiah Quincy, land damages on Boynton road,	30 00

Nov.	1.	Kimball C. Corliss, endorsed on note,	50 00
		James Keeble, for hearse at Hannah Bruce's funeral,	3 00
		I. M. Merrill, for two coffins and two robes,	27 00
	3.	J. P. Bancroft, for support of C. W. Adams and Solon Currier,	56 65
		McFarland & Jenks, for printing reports for 1868,	32 00
		Express on same,	50
	5.	Catharine W. Merrill, note and int.,	895 00
	8.	F. A. C. Nichols, bal. of special tax in Union District,	50 60
		Henry C. Currier, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 1,	25 00
		C. W. Calley, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 2,	25 00
		Peter Whitmore, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 3,	25 00
		T. E. Bailey, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 4,	25 00
		H. L. Sargent, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 5,	25 00
		J. F. Sanborn, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 6,	25 00
		John A. Drake, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 8,	25 00
		Jacob Sellingham, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 9,	25 00
		Calvin Clark, R. R., literary and dog money in Dist. No. 12,	25 00
		John Nutting, R. R., literary and dog money in Union Dist.,	12 50
	9.	W. W. Wise, for breaking roads,	11 02
		Herman L. Sargent, bal. special tax in Dist. No. 5,	10 00
	12.	Jason Clark, for Almira Palmer,—county pauper,	38 42
	15.	Seth Doton, expenses carrying Piper girl to County Farm,	5 70
		E. E. Merrill, for plank,	23 26
		Maria L. Dearborn, endorsed on note,	20 00
	17.	Simeon Sanborn, " " "	15 00
	10.	Cyrus Corliss, services as police,	4 00
	23.	J. W. Preston, for medical services for Mrs. Nathan Johnson,	6 00

Nov.	26.	Horace Eastman, for work on Boynton road,	4 35
	29.	T. E. Bailey, for services as police,	2 00
Dec.	3.	Samuel Milligan, for lumber furnished in 1869,	1 50
	8.	John Chandler, for work on Boynton road,	12 75
	12.	Job E. Kimball, note and int.,	51 10
		State Tax,	2,406 00
		Express on same,	1 00
	20.	Wm. Currier, endorsed on note,	50 00
		L. M. Howe, for James Keeble's work on bridge.	6 00
	31.	John Boynton, for work on Boynton road,	13 50
		Freeman Cook, for rent of hall,	55 00
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Jan.	3.	Simeon Moulton, int. on note,	12 00
		Peter Walker, note and int.,	1,033 33
	11.	C. H. Bowles, for plank and work in 1868,	14 75
		B. F. Cox, note and int.,	181 15
		F. A. C. Nichols, for drawing plank,	2 75
	27.	Wm. A. Draper, for plough and breaking roads, in 1870,	7 70
	30.	John H. Mudgett, note and int.,	182 58
Feb.	1.	J. P. Bancroft, for support of C. W. Adams,	53 45
		“ “ “ “ Eben Shute,	64 60
		Express on same,	75
	3.	John R. Clark, for over tax on land in 1868 and 1869,	25 94
		State Reform School, for George O. Gilman,	104 00
	8.	Samuel Elkins, for watering trough and gravel,	6 00
	18.	M. S. Brown, services as police at County Fair,	12 00
	20.	B. F. Gould, for watering trough,	3 00
		Russell, Webster & Bill, for powder, pick and fuse, used on Boynton road,	10 53
	22.	W. M. Pressey, damage done lambs by dogs,	14 00
		D. H. Currier, special tax in Dist. No. 1.	24 69
		John X. Brown, as per receipt for non-resident highway tax on the J. B. Rand farm,	7 50
		Wm. D. Blodgett, for wood for Mrs. C. B. Adams,	33 16

Feb. 22.	Louis S. Hill, for work on Boynton road.	2 25
	Calley & George, for stone for " "	5 00
	Thomas Shute, for work on Boynton road,	14 77
	" " " plank,	9 86
	J. B. N. Gould, for work on Boynton road,	21 00
	O. S. Craig, " " " " "	57 00
	C. A. Lewis, " " " " "	13 50
	A. L. Simonds, " " " " "	40 00
	A. J. Morgan, " " " " "	60.42
	Jason Clark, " " " " "	7 68
	George Morse, " " " " "	19 50
	John Ferrin, " " " " "	12 00
	Enos Stevens, " " " " "	27 00
	Bailey & Brown, " " " " "	57 37
	Andrew J. Hawkins, " " " " "	4 50
	Wm. A. Draper, " " " " "	57 25
	John Chandler, " " " " "	23 50
	Seth Doton, " " " " "	29 87
	John Morrill, for work on highway,	1 50
	Moody Page, for damage done sheep, by dogs,	3 50
	Several School Districts,	1,002 50
	Mason & Fox, for plow beam broken on Boynton road,	2 00
	Coupons,	2,810.38
23.	E. E. Ferrin, for Nathan Johnson as per bill,	15 25
	Jesse Smith, for damage done sheep by dogs,	2 00
	Joseph N. Smith, for post and rails for Hull Gulf road,	6 50
	Buchanan & Callahan, for expenses to Con- cord with Eben Shute, and keeping tran- sient persons,	13 90
	Amos Clark, for work on Smith's bridge,	4 00
	John Nutting, for plank and breaking roads,	13 19
24.	M. C. Eaton, for recording births and deaths,	1 25
	H. M. Rogers, note and int.,	530 00
25.	M. C. Corliss, for services as police,	4 00
	James Currier, for services rendered,	2 00
	F. W. A. Robie, services as town clerk,	50 00
	Wm. Currier, note and int.,	369 90
	J. J. Nutting, for work on highway,	6 16
	Drury F. Cummings, for surveying, high- way,	2 00

Feb. 27.	A. G. Smyth, for services as treasurer,	75 00
	Seth Doton, " " " selectman,	118 25
	H. M. Rogers, " " " "	90 00
	John T. Cutter, " " " "	86 00
	Jonathan Chase, for drawing rubble,	3 38
	J. B. Mitchell, for damage done waggon in 1869,	4 00
	Russell, Webster & Bill, for powder,	2 75
	Maranda Draper, for damage done sheep by dogs,	3 50
	Seth Doton, expenses to Warren and station- ery,	7 83
	J. L. Rogers, for money refunded for tax on horses,	7 00
	S. W. Davis, for medical services rendered Jethro Parsons, in 1868,	10 00
28.	W. W. Gibson, for gravel and work on road,	10 75
	D. C. Wheeler, for collecting taxes 1870, printing tax-bills and services as police,	85 50
	Overseers of the poor,	430 04
	L. M. Howe and Washington George, Auditors,	8 60
	Taxes in E. K. Smith's hands col. of 1869,	276 91
	" " D. C. Wheeler's " " " 1870,	935 19
	Cash in hands of Treasurer, Mar. 1, 1870,	495 82

Abatement of Taxes for 1869.

A. K. Bruce, Poll Tax,	4 13
Abner Buzzell,	4 29
John W. Butler, not taxable,	4 13
Martin W. Dickey,	4 29
Marcellus Dow, not taxable,	4 29
Levi Farmer,	4 13
Edwin T. Flanders, not taxable,	4 13
Moses C. Harvey, " "	4 13
A. J. Hodgdon, " "	4 29
Hiram Harris, " "	4 13
George Nixson, " "	4 29
Wm. H. Palmer, " "	4 29
Henry Plummer, " "	4 29
Isaac D. Stafford, " "	4 13
H. B. Marden, horses taxed in Thornton,	23 38
Wm. M. Hardy,	5 84

Edward G. Hiller,	4 29
Wm. Knight,	4 29
Isaac D. Morse,	4 29
Charles F. Scales,	4 13
Wid. Samuel Stevens,	4 13
E. G. Sawyer, taxed in Woodstock,	4 29
Edwin G. Thompson,	4 29
Charles R. Taylor,	4 29
George Wilson,	4 29
Hepzibeth Willoughby,	5 30
Augustus Wescott,	4 13

Abatement of Taxes for 1870.

George W. Garland, over tax,	11 75
Moses C. Harvey, not taxable,	3 53
George Flanders, tax	4 70
Cortez C. Hawkins, tax,	2 53
D. F. Cummings, over tax,	1 79
Carleton F. Rideout,	3 53
Rufus Hammond, Poll and special,	4 41
E. K. Smith, dog tax,	1 00
Alphonso F. Jones, not taxable,	3 53
Nathan Johnson, town and special,	75
James S. Piper, not taxable,	3 54
Cornelius Boyle, Poll tax,	3 53
Jason Clark, taxed in Campton,	3 53
Albert M. Kimball, taxed in Holderness,	3 53
Enos H. Lang,	3 53
George Nixson, taxed in Lake Village.	3 53
Town Farm,	24 68
Mrs. A. W. Silver,	2 35
Leander Woods,	3 53
Daniel C. Wheeler, special tax,	2 05

\$22,050 96

WE have examined the preceding accounts of the selectmen and the following accounts of the overseer of the poor, for the year 1870 and 1871, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

Plymouth, March 3, 1871.

WASHINGTON GEORGE, } Auditors.
L. M. HOWE.

Account of the Overseers of the Poor.

Received of Samuel H. Palmer, for calf and ham,	9 00
" Seth Doton, for oats,	1 36
" Hotel Co., for hens,	1 49
" A. M. Draper, for cow,	10 00
" John Boynton, for work,	1 00
" A. G. Smyth, sundries as per bill,	44 41
" Atkinson & Smith, " " "	9 39
" W. M. Pressey, for eggs,	1 50
" Herman L. Sargent, for oats,	1 20
" Seth Doton, for hog,	39 60
" C. Keniston, for eggs,	60
" Russell. Webster & Bill. for sundries as per bill,	36 75
" Moses C. Corliss, for beef,	3 78
" Wm. A. Draper, for work of oxen and beef,	3 70
" H. L. Sargent, for ox work,	75
" E. G. Morse, for veal and meal,	1 56
" A. J. Morgan, for plank for road,	2 03
" O. P. Craig, for potatoes,	30
" Charles A. Draper, for work and beef,	7 44
" A. J. Morgan, for sundries,	21 02
" Jonathan L. Clay, " "	21 79
" A. L. Simonds, for work etc.,	11 49
" Enos Stevens, for sundries,	4 18
" C. C. & F. J. Moulton,	3 25
" Henry Adams, work of oxen,	75
" John T. Cutter, for seed potatoes,	4 41
" Town Treasurer, to ballance account,	430 04
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	\$672 79

Paid Cyrus Keniston, as per bill,	2 28
" A. G. Smyth, " " "	155 18
" John S. Tufts, " " "	18 93
" Atkinson & Smith, " " "	16 91
" S. H. Palmer, for veal,	60
" Henry Wells, for cider,	25
" Mason & Fox, for plow points and corn,	2 15
" Joseph Holmes, for shote.	8 00
" G. Clay, for work,	50

Paid Henry F. Smith, for making cider.	87
" M. A. Clark, for cloth,	1 00
" Wm. A. Draper, for cart tongue,	1 50
" E. G. Morse, for corn and potatoes,	1 10
" W. M. Pressey, for goods as per bill,	1 50
" J. L. Clay, for sundries " " "	27 82
" Russell, Webster & Bill, " " "	60 98
" C. H. Draper, for work,	3 50
" S. C. Clark, bill flour, etc.,	14 38
" H. C. Homans, for use of horse,	50
" M. C. Corliss, blacksmith's bill,	10 13
" Samuel C. Clark, for services on town farm,	191 66
" Wm. A. Draper, for work haying,	29 62
" A. L. Simonds, " " "	21 00
" James Keeble, for moving S. C. Clark,	5 00
" Seth Doton, overseer,	10 00
" Jason Clark, blacksmith's bill,	5 77
" Seth Doton, and H. M. Rogers, appraising.	3 00
" Stationery,	23
" C. C. & F. J. Moulton, as per bill.	7 35
" A. L. Simonds, " " "	9 95
" A. J. Morgan, " " "	19 05
" J. L. Clay, for work haying,	11 25
" Enos Stevens, " " "	2 25
" Due the Town Farm in due bills,	12 67
" " " " " from the overseer,	15 91

\$672 79

Schedule of stock and provisions on Town Farm. Feb. 22, 1870.

1 yoke oxen,	165 00
2 cows,	50 00
2 two years old heifers,	29 00
3 yearlings,	22 00
14 hens,	7 00
1 shote,	10 00
8 tons hay,	120 00
1 " oat straw,	5 00
10 bushels corn,	12 00
15 " oats,	9 75
9 " India wheat.	6 75
6 " meal,	6 30
3 barrel flour,	7 50
1 " apples,	75

200 pounds pork,	34 00
100 " ham,	16 00
120 bushels potatoes,	84 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel cider,	1 00
Garden sauce,	1 00
100 pounds fresh beef and pork,	9 00
20 gallons vinegar,	4 00
1 bushel salt,	90
30 pounds dried apple,	2 10
25 " lard,	4 50
40 " maple sugar,	4 40
$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel beans,	1 00
25 pounds tallow,	3 50
Groceries,	2 00
2 gallons boiled cider,	1 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel soap,	2 50
5 pounds butter,	1 25

\$623 70

Indebtedness of the Town March 1, 1871.

Notes and interest to March 1, 1871,	26,096 92
Bonds outstanding,	8,960 00
Interest on the same to March 1, 1871,	89 60
Outstanding coupons on bonds,	110 58
Literary, R. R. and dog money due Dist. No. 7,	25 00

\$35,282 10

Means of paying the same.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	495 82
" " " " Collector for 1865,	120 00
" " " " " " 1866,	145 29
" " " " " " 1869,	276 91
" " " " " " 1870,	935 19
Liquor and casks on hand,	17 63
Due from the county, for support of Nathan Johnson's family and transients,	17 75
Balance of Wm. C. Thompson's highway tax,	4 30

\$2,012 89

Total indebtedness of the town March 1, 1871, not including the \$10,000, voted by the town for the State Normal School,	\$35,282 10
Total assets,	2,012 89
Balance against the town,	<hr/> \$33,269 21

SETH DOTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. M. ROGERS,	
JOHN T. CUTTER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Plymouth.</i>

To the Selectmen of Plymouth, N. H.

GENTLEMEN:—

The School Committee of Plymouth, presents to the town the following report relating to the interests intrusted to his care.

The following Table contains items of interest to the several districts.

No. of District.	NAMES OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	NAMES OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED.	Terms in Weeks.	Wages per Month.	Public Money, Town.	Literary and Railroad.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Pupils over 16 yrs. of age.	Tardy Marks.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	No. visits by S. S. Com.	No. visits by citizens and others.
1	HENRY CURRIER.	Corah L. Page.	8	\$22.00	\$12.07	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	19	1	1	2
2	2 C. W. CALLEY.	Emma G. Fox.	12	25.00	492.15	13.32	13.32	13.32	13.32	23	1	1	5
3	PETER WHITEMORE.	H. L. Sargent.	12	28.00	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	19	1	1	4
4	TIMOTHY BAILEY.	M. Alcesta Hobbins.	6	24.00	122.08	25.23	25.23	25.23	25.23	32	1	1	6
5	JOSEPH CLAY.	Andrew J. Curry.	12	28.00	58.35	21.18	21.18	21.18	21.18	46	1	1	9
6	JOHN SANBORN.	Mrs. H. L. Sargent.	12	25.00	51.42	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	45	1	1	10
7	EDWARD BARNARD.	Mary E. Bartlett.	6	35.00	108.66	19.16	19.16	19.16	19.16	4	1	1	13
8	JOHN A. DRAKE.	J. S. Morrill.	7	21.00	38.73	13.15	13.15	13.15	13.15	3	1	1	6
9	JACOB SELLINGHAM.	Asa W. Drew.	9	24.00	33.65	13.15	13.15	13.15	13.15	11	2	2	12
10	CALVIN CLARK.	Louise V. George.	6	28.00	190.79	17.15	17.15	17.15	17.15	17	2	2	30
11		Nellie P. Sanborn.	7	22.00	89.30	25.22	25.22	25.22	25.22	23	1	1	8
12			12	24.00	25.17	25.17	25.17	25.17	25.17	12	2	2	11

District No. 1. Both the summer and winter terms were under the care of Miss Corah L. Page. She came to her work with an earnest desire to benefit her pupils, and by kindness and the power of moral suasion, sought to win the confidence of her pupils and the district, and in a good degree succeeded.

In some schools, however, a little more of the old Roman firmness would be an necessity.

Her method of teaching Grammar especially commends itself to favor. The winter term showed most marked results. A few in the first class in Greenleaf's Arithmetic completed the book.

No. 2. The first term was taught by Miss Emma Fox. Considering the difficulties under which the teacher labored:— a multiplicity of text books, irregularity of attendance &c., the teacher did well. The primary department of the second term was also under her instruction. The committee has seldom known scholars to make greater progress in writing than did most of her scholars. Much attention was also given to spelling and mental Arithmetic. This shows that Miss Fox has the true idea of teaching a primary school.

The higher department was under the care of your committee. The difficulties in the way of a quiet and orderly school in this department are greater than at first appear. With frequent trains of cars passing during school hours, with the primary department on the floor above, and the staircase near the recitation seats, much external disturbance must necessarily occur. The floor above and ceiling in front should have been deafened to render them impervious to sound.

For further remarks see ancient reports by Solomon, Prov. 27th chapter, 2nd verse.

No. 3. The summer term in this district was only six weeks in length. But little ought to be expected of any teacher in so short a term. The school appeared well, both at the opening and closing visit of the committee. Of Miss Homan's qualifications as a teacher, your committee cannot speak with certainty, since she never applied for a certificate. The presumption is, that she is well qualified.

The winter term was a marked success. Mr. Emmons is one of the first mathematicians among the ranks of our teachers. With a teacher so clear-headed, and so intelligent a class of scholars as District No. 3 can boast, failure is next to impossible. The committee would suggest the propriety of early securing, if possible, the services of Mr. Emmons for another winter.

No. 4. This district had but one term of school, and that must be regarded as a partial failure: yet the failure was not wholly the fault of the teacher. The people of this district ought not to expect a first-class school, in so utterly worthless a school house. A house without a woodshed, almost without a blackboard, and with an internal arrangement suggestive of "two hundred years ago" is certainly a novelty of which few towns outside of Plymouth can boast. And yet, so far as the committee has observed, the people of this district expect as good schools as do the people of other districts.

Their first duty seems to be to repair their school house, and the second to sustain their teachers.

No. 5. The school in this district commenced in September and continued twelve weeks. Sickness and death in the district interfered somewhat, with the attendance of scholars.

The people of this district have in part, saved themselves from the disgrace of a poor school house, by expending fifty dollars upon their house; the inside of the building is now very convenient and comfortable. It is earnestly to be hoped that they will continue the work until the outside corresponds.

No. 6. The summer term was a profitable one to this school. The teacher was energetic and very ambitious to excel in the labor of instructing those under her care. The scholars showed marked respect to their teacher and to visitors; whispering was almost unknown.

Five scholars reported perfect for the entire term, viz:—Angie L. Sanborn, Angie M. Stafford, George H. Harris, Lottie McQuestion and Miriam F. Smith. This shows a laudible ambition and should be encouraged.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Josiah Morrill. This was his second term in this district which speaks well for the teacher. The order of the school was good; the government, however, seemed a little severe. Mr. Morrill is young, and will, doubtless, improve in his method of teaching.

No. 7. The summer school was well regulated and well instructed. The teacher was very quiet, yet decided. The examination showed that the scholars had made good progress. No female teacher ought to be allowed to board around, in a district like No. 7.

The winter term cannot be regarded as much of a success. Mr. Drew is quite young; he is a good scholar, but evidently he is not posted in the modern methods of teaching, making very little, if any use of blackboard exercise, and somewhat lacking in what Phrenologists would call the "bump of order."

The committee is of the opinion, however, that so good a scholar as Mr. Drew, will yet overcome the difficulties in his way, and make a good teacher. The school house in this district needs some repairing and more blackboard.

No. 8. The summer term commenced under the direction of Miss Hattie Swain, but terminated abruptly on account of the ill health of the teacher.

The winter term was kept by a teacher, who has had considerable experience in teaching. This school in the past, has acquired an enviable reputation, and has realized in a good degree, the high expectations of the committee. We could not help thinking, however, that there was a lack of sympathy between teacher and pupils, so essential to the highest success in teaching. In this, perhaps we err.

The closing examination showed that considerable hard work had been done. The fact that a private school was continued four weeks, speaks well both for the teacher and the district.

The people showed their interest in the school, by turning out in force to attend the examination. There is great lack of blackboard in this school-room; this evil should be remedied at once.

No. 9. The schoolhouse in this district is the best arranged and best located one in town. This does, or should go far towards securing a good school. Yet this school has had an unenviable reputation in the past. Under the direction of a teacher possessing such scholarship and energy as does Miss George, this school has taken a front rank.

Both terms of school were a success. If it is ever advisable for a committee to say best, this school seems to be as fairly entitled to this praise as any in town. The teacher succeeded in impressing the idea upon the minds of her pupils, that the success or failure of the school, depended very much upon them; and that the pupils had a much greater interest in making the school a success than had the teacher.

No. 12. This school the past year has fortunately been under the care of a teacher possessing energy, decision and scholarship. No higher praise need be given Miss Sanborn, than to mention the fact that she has taught in the same district several terms before.

If our friends in this district would save the health of their children, let them look carefully to the condition of their school-house.

Upon a careful review, it seems evident that the schools of

the town the past year have been attended with average success, yet there is great room for improvement. A clear idea of what we wish to accomplish, has much to do with success in any department of human effort. It is emphatically true in respect to educational interests.

Education in its primary signification, means the drawing out of the faculties of the mind; the acquisition of a sound, practical education then, must be disciplinary in its nature, and largely, the work of individual effort. The importance of a right beginning cannot be overestimated. How often do we hear from fond parents the whispered information "my daughter is learning Latin," "my son is studying Algebra!" when that son and that daughter should be studying Colburn's Mental Arithmetic.

Of what avail is it to attempt the study of the higher branches of a liberal education, before the elements of the sciences have been mastered?

Writing and spelling receive too little attention in our schools; Physiology is wholly neglected.

Agesilaus, king of Sparta, when asked what things boys should learn, replied, "Those things which they will practice when they become men." Since happiness in life depends so largely upon sound health, not only boys, but girls also, should acquire some knowledge of those laws upon, the observance of which, sound health depends. How many of the youth of our schools can tell whether the veins or the arteries in the human system carry the blood to the heart, or what effect compression has upon the vital organs of the body? And are they not equally ignorant of the many other truths of as great, or greater importance, which Physiology has to teach?

Although continually urged by publishers to do so, no change has been made in school books, excepting to adopt as our standard, the Spencerian system of writing. We witness on every hand a great reluctance to a change of school books, and not without reason; yet to argue that no change shall be made, is like arguing that the farmer of today, shall follow in the footsteps of his grandfather of seventy-five years ago.

Greenleaf's and Eaton's arithmetics are those mostly in use in our schools. To the former, we offer no objections, and we are not sure that a better one has been found; but we differ widely from the opinion of some of our predecessors, respecting Eaton's Arithmetic. If an author will not furnish the answers to examples in his book, somewhere within the covers of the book, or in some other convenient form free of charge, but in-

sists on demanding half or two-thirds as much for the answers as for the book, we say, let another book be substituted whose author is more modest in his demands. There are other features of the work decidedly objectionable.

It has been said "Eternal vigilance in the price of success." If we desire to make our schools a complete success, it is necessary that we first comprehend the work to be done. One great evil of the past has been a constant change of teachers and school officers. Who would think of building up an extensive mercantile business, and yet, every six months change his book-keeper and head clerk? Somebody gets a prejudice against a teacher or school officer, and forthwith he or she is laid aside, and another substituted. The remedy suggests itself.

Again, parents take too little interest in their schools; seldom, if ever visiting them. Tardiness is one great evil in almost all of our schools. Who ever knew a boy who was habitually tardy at school, who made a reliable business man? Parents can do much to remedy this evil.

Prudential Committees, although they know that the success of our schools depends largely upon the character and ability of those employed as teachers, exercise too little care and attention in making their selections.

The remedy seems to be this: Let the Prudential Committee and School Committee combine their efforts as far as possible to secure the best teachers, and let the parents realize the imperative necessity of cooperating with teachers in securing punctuality, order and obedience; otherwise, many of the best directed efforts will prove failures, and our fondest hopes and expectations be disappointed.

Respectfully submitted,

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